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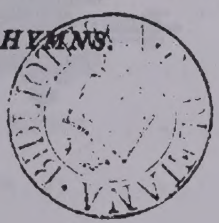

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SICK-BED SERVICES.

I.

In Pain or Sickness.

"I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven and before thee, and am no more worthy to be called thy son."—Luke xv. 18, 19.

Bow down thine ear, O Lord, and hear me; for I am poor, and in misery. Ps. 86.

Comfort the soul of thy servant; for unto Thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.

For Thou, Lord, art good and gracious, and of great mercy unto all them that call upon Thee.

Give ear, Lord, unto my prayer, and ponder the voice of my humble desires.

O Lord, rebuke me not in thine indignation, neither chasten me in thy displeasure. Ps. 6.

Have mercy upon me, O Lord, for I am weak; O Lord, heal me, for my bones are vexed.

My soul also is sore troubled; but, Lord, how long wilt Thou punish me?

Turn Thee, O Lord, and deliver my soul; O save me for thy mercy's sake.

LESSON.

Hebrews xii. 1—12

Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. For consider Him that endured such contradiction of sinners against Himself,

lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds. Ye have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin. And ye have forgotten the exhortation which speaketh unto you as unto children, My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of Him: for whom the Lord loveth He chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom He receiveth. If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not? But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons. Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live? For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure; but He for our profit, that we might be partakers of his holiness. Now no chastening

for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby. Wherefore lift up the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees.

PRAYER.

Almighty, everlasting God, Maker of mankind, who dost correct those whom Thou dost love, and chastise every one whom Thou dost receive; Have mercy upon thine afflicted servant, and grant that I may take my sickness patiently, and recover my bodily health, (if it be thy gracious will); and that whensoever my soul shall depart from the body, it may be without spot presented unto Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Lord, have mercy upon me.
Christ, have mercy upon me.
Lord, have mercy upon me.

Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil. Amen.

II.

When brought very low.

How long wilt Thou forget me, O Lord? for ever? How long wilt Thou hide thy face from me? Ps. 13.

Consider, and hear me, O Lord my God; lighten mine eyes, that I sleep not in death.

Save me, O God, for the waters are come in, even unto my soul. Ps. 69.

I stick fast in the deep mire, where no ground is; I am come into deep waters, so that the floods run over me.

I am weary of crying; my throat is dry; my sight faileth me for waiting so long upon my God.

Hear me, O Lord, for thy loving-kindness is comfortable; turn Thee unto me according to the multitude of thy mercies.

And hide not thy face from thy servant, for I am in trouble; O haste Thee, and hear me.

LESSON.

Proverbs iii. 11, 12.

My son, despise not the chastening of the Lord; neither be weary of his correction: for whom the Lord loveth He correcteth; even as a father the son in whom he delighteth.

Isaiah liii. 4—7.

Surely He hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem Him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised

for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and He was afflicted, yet He opened not his mouth: He is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so He openeth not his mouth.

Isaiah lxiii. 9.

In all their affliction He was afflicted, and the angel of his presence saved them: in his love and in his pity He redeemed them; and He bare them, and carried them all the days of old.

2 Tim. ii. 11, 12.

It is a faithful saying: For if we be dead with Him, we shall also live with Him: if we suffer, we shall also reign with Him.

PRAYER.

Almighty God, who hast given thine only Son to be unto us both a sacrifice for sin, and also an ensample of godly life; Give me grace that I may always most thankfully receive that his inestimable benefit, and also daily endeavour myself to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

III.

In Suffering and Anguish.

38. Put me not to rebuke, O Lord, in thine anger; neither chasten me in thy heavy displeasure.

For thine arrows stick fast in me, and thy hand presseth me sore.

There is no health in my flesh, because of thy displeasure; neither is

there any rest in my bones, by reason of my sin.

For my wickednesses are gone over my head, and are like a sore burden, too heavy for me to bear.

I am brought into so great trouble and misery that I go mourning all the day long.

I am feeble, and sore smitten; I have roared for the very disquietness of my heart.

Lord, Thou knowest all my desire, and my groaning is not hid from Thee.

My heart panteth, my strength hath failed me, and the sight of mine eyes is gone from me.

I will confess my wickedness, and be sorry for my sin.

Forsake me not, O Lord my God; be not Thou far from me.

Haste thee to help me, O Lord God of my salvation.

LESSON.

Lamentations iii. 18—33.

I said, My strength and my hope is perished from the Lord: remembering mine affliction and my misery, the wormwood and the gall. My soul hath them still in remembrance, and is humbled in me. This I recall to my mind, therefore have I hope. It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness. The Lord is my portion, saith my soul; therefore will I hope in Him. The Lord is good unto them that wait for Him, to the soul that seeketh Him. It is good that a man should both hope and quietly wait for the salvation of the Lord. It is good for a man that he bear the yoke in his youth. He sitteth alone and keepeth silence, because he hath borne it upon him. He putteth his mouth in the dust; if so there may be hope. He giveth his cheek to him that

smiteth him: he is filled full with reproach. For the Lord will not cast off for ever: but though He cause grief, yet will He have compassion according to the multitude of his mercies. For He doth not afflict willingly, nor grieve the children of men.

Rev. iii. 19, 21.

As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent. . . . To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.

PRAYER.

Remember not, Lord, our offences; neither take Thou vengeance of our sins; spare us, good Lord; spare thy people whom Thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and be not angry with us for ever.

By thine Agony and bloody Sweat;

by thy Cross and Passion; by thy precious Death and Burial; by thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension; and by the coming of the Holy Ghost,

Good Lord, deliver us.

In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our wealth, in the hour of death, and in the day of judgment,

Good Lord, deliver us.

I beseech Thee, O Lord, to give me true repentance; to forgive me all my sins, negligences, and ignorances; and to endue me with the grace of thy Holy Spirit to amend my life according to thy holy Word.

Our Father, &c.

IV.

In Distress of Mind.

Ps. 77. When I am in heaviness I will think upon God; when my heart is vexed I will complain.[a]

[a] Not *murmur* or *repine*, but *give utterance to my grief*.

Will the Lord absent Himself for ever: and will He be no more intreated?

Is his mercy clean gone for ever; and is his promise come utterly to an end for evermore?

Hath God forgotten to be gracious; and will He shut up his lovingkindness in displeasure?

And I said, It is mine own infirmity; but I will remember the years of the right hand of the most Highest.

I will remember the works of the Lord, and call to mind thy wonders of old time.

I will think also of all thy works; and my talking shall be of thy doings.

Thy way, O God, is holy: who is so great a God as our God?

LESSON.

1 Peter iv. 12, 13.

Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try

you, as though some strange thing happened unto you: but rejoice inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy.

2 Cor. i. 2—5.

Grace be to you and peace from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ. Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort; who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God. For as the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so our consolation also aboundeth by Christ.

1 Peter v. 6—11.

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time: casting all your care upon Him; for He

careth for you. Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world. But the God of all grace, who hath called us into his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you. To Him be glory, and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER.

O Lord, look down from heaven, behold, visit, and relieve Thy sinful and afflicted servant. Look upon me with the eyes of thy mercy, give me comfort and sure confidence in Thee, defend me from the danger of the enemy, and keep me in perpetual peace and safety; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sanctify, I beseech thee, O Lord, this thy fatherly correction to me; that the sense of my weakness may add strength to my faith, and seriousness to my repentance: That if it shall be thy good pleasure to restore me to my former health, I may lead the residue of my life in thy fear, and to thy glory: or else give me grace so to take thy visitation, that, after this painful life ended, I may dwell with Thee in life everlasting; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen,

O Saviour of the world, who by thy Cross and precious Blood hast redeemed me, Save me, and help me, I humbly beseech Thee, O Lord.

Our Father, &c.

V.

For Deliverance in Trouble or Danger.

143. Hear my prayer, O Lord, and consider my desire; hearken unto me for thy truth and righteousness' sake.

And enter not into judgment with thy servant; for in thy sight shall no man living be justified.

I stretch forth my hands unto Thee; my soul gaspeth unto Thee as a thirsty land.

Hear me, O Lord, and that soon, for my spirit waxeth faint; hide not thy face from me, lest I be like unto them that go down into the pit.[a]

O let me hear thy loving-kindness betimes in the morning, for in Thee is my trust; show Thou me the way that I should walk in, for I lift up my soul unto Thee.

Deliver me, O Lord, from mine enemies; for I flee unto Thee to hide me.

Teach me to do the thing that pleaseth Thee, for Thou art my God; let thy loving Spirit lead me forth into the land of righteousness.

[a] The grave.

Quicken[a] me, O Lord, for thy Name's sake: and for thy righteousness' sake bring my soul out of trouble.

LESSON.

Matt. xxi. 22.

All things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.

John xvi. 23, 24.

Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, He will give it you. Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.

Rom. viii. 26, 27.

Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. And He that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of

[a] Give me new life.

the Spirit, because He maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.

James v. 13.

Is any among you afflicted? let him pray.

O Lord, hear our prayers.

And let our cry come unto Thee.

PRAYER.

Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon my infirmities, and in all my dangers and necessities stretch forth thy right hand to help and defend me; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Both now and ever vouchsafe to hear us, O Christ.

Graciously hear us, O Christ; graciously hear us, O Lord Christ.

O Lord, let thy mercy be showed upon us.

As we do put our trust in Thee.

Our Father, &c.

VI.

Confession and Repentance.

51. Have mercy upon me, O God, after thy great goodness; according to the multitude of thy mercies do away mine offences.

Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness, and cleanse me from my sin.

For I acknowledge my faults, and my sin is ever before me.

Against Thee only have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight; that Thou mightest be justified in thy saying, and clear when Thou art judged.[a]

Behold, I was shapen in wickedness, and in sin hath my mother conceived me.

But lo, Thou requirest truth in the inward parts, and shalt make me to understand wisdom secretly.

[a] Shown to be *just* in Thy decree and judgment.

Thou shalt purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; Thou shalt wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Thou shalt make me hear of joy and gladness, that the bones which Thou hast broken may rejoice.

Turn thy face from my sins, and put out all my misdeeds.

Make me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from thy presence, and take not thy holy Spirit from me.

O give me the comfort of thy help again, and stablish me with thy free Spirit.

The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, shalt Thou not despise.

LESSON.

Ezekiel xviii. 20—23.

The soul that sinneth, it shall die.

♭ As the "unclean" person under the law of Moses was purified through the sprinkling of blood from the branch of a plant called *hyssop*.

The son shall not bear the iniquity of the father, neither shall the father bear the iniquity of the son: the righteousness of the righteous shall be upon him, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon him. But if the wicked will turn from all his sins that he hath committed, and keep all my statutes, and do that which is lawful and right, he shall surely live, he shall not die. All his transgressions that he hath committed, they shall not be mentioned unto him: in his righteousness that he hath done he shall live. Have I any pleasure at all that the wicked should die? saith the Lord God: and not that he should return from his ways, and live?

James v. 15, 16.

The prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him. Confess your faults one to another, and pray one

for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

PRAYER.

Almighty and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that Thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all them that are penitent; Create and make in me a new and contrite heart, that I worthily lamenting my sins, and acknowledging my wretchedness, may obtain of Thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O most merciful God, who according to the multitude of thy mercies, dost so put away the sins of those who truly repent, that Thou rememberest them no more; Open thine eye of mercy upon thy servant, who most earnestly desireth pardon and forgiveness. Renew in me, most loving Father, whatsoever hath been decayed by the wiles of the devil, or by my

own carnal will and frailness; accept, Lord, my contrition, and send me help from above. Impute not unto me my former sins, but strengthen me with thy blessed Spirit; and, when thou art pleased to take me hence, take me unto thy favour, through the merits of thy most dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

VII.

God merciful to the Penitent.

Ps. 130. Out of the deep have I called unto Thee, O Lord! Lord, hear my voice.

O let thine ears consider well the voice of my complaint.[a]

If Thou, Lord, wilt be extreme to mark what is done amiss, O Lord, who may abide it?

For there is mercy with Thee; therefore shalt Thou be feared.

[a] Sorrow or mourning.

I look for the Lord; my soul doth wait for Him; in his word is my trust.

My soul fleeth unto the Lord before the morning watch, I say, before the morning watch.[b]

O Israel, trust in the Lord; for with the Lord there is mercy, and with Him is plenteous redemption.

LESSON.

2 Chron. vii. 14.

If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

Prov. xxviii. 13.

He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy.

Ezek. xviii. 31—32.

Cast away from you all your trans-

[b] The meaning is, My soul longs for the Lord more than sentries on their night watch long for the dawn of day.

gressions, whereby ye have transgressed; and make you a new heart and a new spirit: for why will ye die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of him that dieth, saith the Lord God: wherefore turn yourselves, and live ye.

2 Cor. vii. 10.

Godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death.

Matt. iii. 8.

Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance.

PRAYER.

O God, merciful Father, that despisest not the sighing of a contrite heart, nor the desire of such as be sorrowful; Mercifully assist my prayers that I make before Thee in all my troubles and adversities; and grant that those evils, which the craft and

subtilty of the devil or man worketh against me, may by thy good providence be dispersed; and that I may evermore be enabled to bear with patience and submission whatever trials Thou art pleased to send: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O Lord, deal not with me after my sins; neither reward me according to my iniquities.

Our Father, &c.

VIII.

The Sinner's Plea for Mercy.

Call to remembrance, O Lord, thy tender mercies; and thy loving-kindnesses, which have been ever of old. Ps. 25.

O remember not the sins and offences of my youth, but according to thy mercy think Thou upon me, O Lord, for thy goodness.

Gracious and righteous is the Lord;

therefore will He teach sinners in the way.[a]

Them that are meek shall He guide in judgment, and such as are gentle, them shall He learn his way.

All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth unto such as keep his covenant, and his testimonies.

For thy Name's sake, O Lord, be merciful unto my sin, for it is great.

Turn Thee unto me, and have mercy upon me, for I am desolate, and in misery.

The sorrows of my heart are enlarged; O bring Thou me out of my troubles.

Look upon my adversity and misery, and forgive me all my sin.

O keep my soul, and deliver me; let me not be confounded, for I have put my trust in Thee.

[a] *The* way in which they should walk.—Ps. xxxii. 9.

LESSON.

Isaiah i. 16—20.

Wash you, make you clean; put away the evil of your doings from before mine eyes; cease to do evil; learn to do well; seek judgment, relieve the oppressed, judge the fatherless, plead for the widow. Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool. If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land: but if ye refuse and rebel, ye shall be devoured with the sword: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

1 John i. 8—10.

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not

sinned, we make Him a liar, and his word is not in us.

PRAYER.

Almighty and everlasting God, who art always more ready to hear than we to pray, and art wont to give more than either we desire, or deserve; Pour down upon me the abundance of thy mercy; forgiving me those things whereof my conscience is afraid, and giving me those good things which I am not worthy to ask, but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

IX.

In Depression of Spirits.

42. Why art thou so full of heaviness, O my soul, and why art thou so disquieted within me?

Put thy trust in God; for I will yet

give Him thanks for the help of his countenance.[a]

My soul truly waiteth still[b] upon God, for of Him cometh my salvation. Ps. 62.

He verily is my strength and my salvation; He is my defence, so that I shall not greatly fall.

As for me, when I am poor and in heaviness, thy help, O God, shall lift me up. Ps. 69.

O tarry thou the Lord's leisure; be strong, and He shall comfort thine heart: and put thou thy trust in the Lord. Ps. 27.

LESSON.

Deut. xxxiii. 27.

The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms.

Matt. xi. 28—30.

Come unto Me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give

[a] His favour and support. [b] Silent and calm.

you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

John vi. 37.

Him that cometh to Me I will in no wise cast out.

James iv. 6—10.

God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw nigh to God, and He will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded. Be afflicted, and mourn, and weep; let your laughter be turned to mourning, and your joy to heaviness. Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He shall lift you up.

1 Peter iv. 19.

Wherefore let them that suffer according to the will of God commit the

keeping of their souls to Him in well doing, as unto a faithful Creator.

PRAYER.

O God, who knowest us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright; Grant to us such strength and protection as may support us in all dangers, and carry us through all temptations: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O God, make speed to save us.
O Lord, make haste to help us.

Our Father, &c.

X.

For the Aged.

In Thee, O Lord, have I put my trust, let me never be put to confusion; but rid[a] me, and deliver me in Thy

[a] Loosen my bonds and set me free.—1 John i. 9

righteousness; incline thine ear unto me, and save me.

Be Thou my stronghold, whereunto I may alway resort; Thou hast promised to help me, for Thou art my house of defence and my castle

For Thou, O Lord God, art the thing that I long for: Thou art my hope, even from my youth.

Through Thee have I been holden up ever since I was born; Thou art He that took me out of my mother's womb; my praise shall be always of Thee.

Cast me not away in the time of age; forsake me not when my strength faileth me.

Go not far from me, O God; my God, haste Thee to help me.

Ps. 39. Lord, let me know mine end, and the number of my days, that I may be certified how long I have to live.

Behold, Thou hast made my days

as it were a span long; and mine age is even as nothing in respect of Thee; and verily every man living is altogether vanity.

For man walketh in a vain shadow, and disquieteth himself in vain: he heapeth up riches, and cannot tell who shall gather them.

And now, Lord, what is my hope? truly my hope is even in Thee. . . .

Take thy plague[a] away from me; I am even consumed by the means of thy heavy hand.

When Thou with rebukes dost chasten man for sin, Thou makest his beauty to consume away, like as it were a moth fretting a garment: every man therefore is but vanity.

Hear my prayer, O Lord, and with thine ears consider my calling, hold not thy peace at my tears.

For I am a stranger with Thee and a sojourner, as all my fathers were.

a The pain, sickness, or other chastisement.

O spare me a little, that I may recover my strength, before I go hence, and be no more seen.

LESSON.

Deut. viii. 2.

Thou shalt remember all the way which the Lord thy God led thee these forty years in the wilderness, to humble thee, and to prove thee, to know what was in thine heart, whether thou wouldest keep his commandments or no.

Prov. x. 27—29.

The fear of the Lord prolongeth days: but the years of the wicked shall be shortened. The hope of the righteous shall be gladness: but the expectation of the wicked shall perish. The way of the Lord is strength to the upright: but destruction shall be to the workers of iniquity.

Prov. xvi. 31.

The hoary head is a crown of glory,

if it be found in the way of righteousness.

Isaiah xlvi. 4.

Even to your old age I am He; and even to hoar hairs will I carry you; I have made, and I will bear; even I will carry, and will deliver you.

John xi. 25—26.

I am the resurrection and the life, saith the Lord: he that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in Me shall never die.

PRAYER.

Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts; shut not Thy merciful ears to our prayer; but spare us, Lord most holy, O God most mighty, O holy and merciful Saviour, Thou most worthy Judge eternal, suffer us not, at our last hour, for any pains of death, to fall from Thee.

Almighty God, with whom do live the spirits of them that depart hence

in the Lord, and with whom the souls of the faithful, after they are delivered from the burden of the flesh, are in joy and felicity; Grant that when Thou art pleased to call me hence I may depart in the true faith of thy holy Name, and have my perfect consummation and bliss, both in body and soul, in thy eternal and everlasting glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Grant, O Lord, that as we are baptised into the death of thy blessed Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, so by continual mortifying our corrupt affections we may be buried with Him; and that through the grave, and gate of death, we may pass to our joyful resurrection; for his merits, who died, and was buried, and rose again for us, thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

XI.

Shortness and Uncertainty of Life.

Lord, Thou hast been our refuge from one generation to another. Ps. 90.

Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever the earth and the world were made, Thou art God from everlasting, and world without end.

Thou turnest man to destruction; again Thou sayest, Come again,[a] ye children of men.

For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday, seeing that is passed as a watch[b] in the night.

As soon as Thou scatterest them they are even as a sleep, and fade away suddenly like the grass.

In the morning it is green, and groweth up; but in the evening it is cut down, dried up, and withered.

a Return to the dust from which you were taken.

b The night watch lasted three hours.

For we consume away in thy displeasure, and are afraid at thy wrathful indignation.

Thou hast set our misdeeds before Thee; and our secret sins in the light of thy countenance.

For when Thou art angry all our days are gone: we bring our years to an end, as it were a tale that is told.

The days of our age are threescore years and ten; and though men be so strong that they come to fourscore years, yet is their strength then but labour and sorrow; so soon passeth it away, and we are gone.

But who regardeth the power of thy wrath; for even thereafter as a man feareth, so is thy displeasure.[a]

So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

[a] The favour or displeasure of God is according to our fear or disregard of Him and of His Law.

Turn Thee again, O Lord, at the last, and be gracious unto thy servants.

O satisfy us with thy mercy, and that soon, so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

Comfort us again now after[a] the time that Thou hast plagued us; and for the years wherein we have suffered adversity.

Shew thy servants thy work, and their children thy glory.

And the glorious Majesty of the Lord our God be upon us: prosper Thou the work of our hands upon us, O prosper Thou our handy-work.

LESSON.

Isaiah xl. 6—8.

The voice said, Cry. And he said, What shall I cry? All flesh is grass, and all the goodliness thereof is as the flower of the field: the grass withereth, the flower fadeth: because

[a] According to.

the spirit of the Lord bloweth upon it: surely the people is grass. The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever.

Mark xiii. 33—37.

Take ye heed, watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is. For the Son of man is as a man taking a far journey, who left his house, and gave authority to his servants, and to every man his work, and commanded the porter to watch. Watch ye therefore; for ye know not when the master of the house cometh, at even, or at midnight, or at the cock-crowing, or in the morning: Lest coming suddenly He find you sleeping. And what I say unto you I say unto all, Watch.

James iv. 13—17.

Go to now, ye that say, To day or to morrow we will go into such a city, and continue there a year, and buy and sell, and get gain; whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow.

For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away. For that ye ought to say, If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that. But now ye rejoice in your boastings: all such rejoicing is evil. Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin.

PRAYER.

O Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life; Grant me perfectly to know thy Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life; that, following the steps of thy holy Apostles, I may stedfastly walk in the way that leadeth to eternal life; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Grant, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that like as we do believe thy only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ to have ascended into the

heavens; so we may also in heart and mind thither ascend, and with Him continually dwell, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

XII.

Self Examination.

Ps. 19. Who can tell how oft he offendeth? O cleanse Thou me from my secret faults.

Keep thy servant also from presumptuous[a] sins, lest they get the dominion over me; so shall I be undefiled, and innocent from the great offence.

Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be alway acceptable in thy sight,

[a] Sins against knowledge, and in open defiance of God.

O Lord my Strength and my Redeemer.

O Lord, Thou hast searched me out, and known me; Thou knowest my down-sitting and mine up-rising; Thou understandest my thoughts long before. Ps. 139.

Thou art about my path, and about my bed, and spiest out all my ways.

For lo, there is not a word in my tongue, but Thou, O Lord, knowest it altogether.

Thou hast fashioned me behind and before; and laid thine hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful and excellent for me, I cannot attain unto it.

Whither shall I go then from thy Spirit, or whither shall I go then from thy presence?

If I climb up into heaven, Thou art there; if I go down to hell, Thou art there also.

If I take the wings of the morning, and remain in the uttermost parts of the sea;

Even there also shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me.

If I say, Peradventure the darkness shall cover me; then shall my night be turned to day.

Yea, the darkness is no darkness with Thee, but the night is as clear as the day; the darkness and light to Thee are both alike.

Try me, O God, and seek the ground of my heart; prove me, and examine my thoughts.

Look well if there be any way of wickedness in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

Ps. 94. And yet they say, Tush, the Lord shall not see: neither shall the God of Jacob regard it.

Take heed, ye unwise among the

people: O ye fools, when will ye understand?

He that planted the ear, shall He not hear: or He that made the eye, shall He not see?

LESSON.

1 Samuel xvi. 7.

The Lord seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart.

1 Chron. xxviii 9.

And thou, Solomon my son, know thou the God of thy father, and serve Him with a perfect heart and with a willing mind: for the Lord searcheth all hearts, and understandeth all the imaginations of the thoughts: if thou seek Him, He will be found of thee; but if thou forsake Him, He will cast thee off for ever.

Job xxxiv. 21, 22.

His eyes are upon the ways of man, and He seeth all his goings. There is

no darkness, nor shadow of death, where the workers of iniquity may hide themselves.

Prov. xv. 3.

The eyes of the Lord are in every place, beholding the evil and the good.

Jer. xxiii. 23, 24.

Am I a God at hand, saith the Lord, and not a God afar off? Can any hide himself in secret places that I shall not see him? saith the Lord. Do not I fill heaven and earth? saith the Lord

Dan. ii. 22.

He revealeth the deep and secret things: He knoweth what is in the darkness, and the light dwelleth with Him.

Matt. vi. 6.

Thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.

John i. 48.

Nathanael saith unto Him, Whence knowest Thou me? Jesus answered and said unto him, Before that Philip called thee, when thou wast under the fig tree, I saw thee.

Heb. iv. 12, 13.

For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight; but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of Him with whom we have to do.

PRAYER.

O God, whose blessed Son was manifested that He might destroy the works of the devil, and make us the sons of

God, and heirs of eternal life; Grant me, I beseech Thee, that, having this hope, I may purify myself, even as He is pure; that, when He shall appear again with power and great glory, I may be made like unto Him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where with Thee, O Father, and Thee, O Holy Ghost, He liveth and reigneth, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

XIII.

Resignation.

119. Thy hands have made me and fashioned me; O give me understanding, that I may learn thy commandments.

I know, O Lord, that thy judgments are right, and that Thou of very faithfulness hast caused me to be troubled.

Unto Thee lift I up mine eyes, O Thou that dwellest in the heavens. Ps. 123.

Behold, even as the eyes of servants look unto the hand of their masters, and as the eyes of a maiden unto the hand of her mistress, even so our eyes wait upon the Lord our God, until He have mercy upon us.

O tarry thou the Lord's leisure; be strong, and He shall comfort thine heart; and put thou thy trust in the Lord. Ps. 27.

My soul truly waiteth still upon God, for of Him cometh my salvation. Ps. 62.

He verily is my strength and my salvation; He is my defence, so that I shall not greatly fall.

As for me, when I am poor and in heaviness, thy help, O God, shall lift me up. Ps. 69.

As for me, I will patiently abide alway, and will praise Thee more and more. Ps. 71.

LESSON.

Isaiah xliii. 1, 3.

Fear not: for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by my Name; thou art mine. When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee. For I am the Lord thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Saviour.

Malachi iii. 16, 18.

Then they that feared the Lord spake often one to another: and the Lord hearkened, and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before Him for them that feared the Lord, and that thought upon his name. And they shall be mine, saith the Lord of hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels; and I will spare them, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him. Then shall ye

return, and discern between the righteous and the wicked, between him that serveth God and him that serveth Him not.

Philippians iv. 4, 7.

Rejoice in the Lord alway: and again I say, Rejoice. Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand. Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

PRAYER.

O Lord, we beseech Thee favourably to hear the prayers of thy people; that we, who are justly punished for our offences, may be mercifully delivered by thy goodness, for the glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Saviour, who liveth and reigneth with

Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

Grant, O Lord, that in all my sufferings and afflictions here upon earth, I may stedfastly look up to heaven, and learn to suffer patiently by the example of Thee, O blessed Jesus, who standest at the right hand of God, to succour all those who suffer according to thy will, our only Mediator and Advocate. Amen.

O Lord God most merciful, be pleased graciously to look upon my sad estate. Grant that in every trial I may wait still upon Thee. Give me, I beseech Thee, patience under my sufferings, and a happy issue out of all my afflictions; for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

XIV.

Trust in God.

31. In Thee, O Lord, have I put my trust; let me never be put to confusion, deliver me in thy righteousness.

Bow down thine ear to me; make haste to deliver me.

For Thou art my strong rock, and my castle; be Thou also my guide, and lead me for thy Name's sake.

Into thy hands I commend my spirit; for Thou hast redeemed me, O Lord, Thou God of truth.

Have mercy upon me, O Lord, for I am in trouble, and mine eye is consumed for very heaviness; yea, my soul and my body.

For my life is waxen old with heaviness, and my years with mourning.

My strength faileth me because of mine iniquity, and my bones are consumed. . . .

But my hope hath been in Thee, O Lord; I have said, Thou art my God.

My time is in thy hand; deliver me from the hand of mine enemies, and from them that persecute me.

Shew thy servant the light of thy countenance, and save me for thy mercy's sake. . . .

O how plentiful is thy goodness, which Thou hast laid up for them that fear Thee; and that Thou hast prepared for them that put their trust in Thee, even before the sons of men!

Thou shalt hide them privily by thine own presence from the provoking of all men; Thou shalt keep them secretly in thy tabernacle from the strife of tongues. . . .

O love the Lord, all ye his saints; for the Lord preserveth them that are faithful, and plenteously rewardeth the proud doer.

Be strong, and He shall establish your heart, all ye that put your trust in the Lord.

LESSON.

Isaiah xxvi. 3, 4.

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on Thee: because he trusteth in Thee. Trust ye in the Lord for ever: for in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength.

Rom. viii. 35, 39.

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, For Thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors, through Him that loved us. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

PRAYER.

O God, the protector of all that trust in Thee, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy; Increase and multiply upon us thy mercy; that, Thou being our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things tem-

poral, that we finally lose not the things eternal: grant this, O heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake.

O Father of mercies, and God of all comfort, our only help in time of need; I fly unto Thee for succour in this my hour of grievous trial and sickness. Look graciously upon me, O Lord; and the more the outward man decayeth, strengthen me, I beseech Thee, so much the more continually with thy grace and Holy Spirit in the inner man. Give me unfeigned repentance for all the errors of my life past, and stedfast faith in thy Son Jesus; that my sins may be done away by thy mercy, and my pardon sealed in heaven, before I go hence, and be no more seen. And grant, Lord, that when I am called hence I may be received into thine everlasting kingdom, through the merits of thy Son Jesus Christ, my only Saviour and Redeemer. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

XV.

Thanksgiving for Relief or Recovery.

Thou shalt open my lips, O Lord, and my mouth shall shew thy praise. Ps. 51.

I am well pleased that the Lord hath heard the voice of my prayer. Ps. 116.

That He hath inclined his ear unto me, therefore will I call upon him as long as I live.

The snares of death compassed me round about, and the pains of hell[a] gat hold upon me.

I shall find trouble and heaviness, and I will call upon the name of the Lord: O Lord, I beseech Thee, deliver my soul.

Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; yea, our God is merciful.

The Lord preserveth the simple; I was in misery, and He helped me.

Turn again then unto thy rest, O my soul, for the Lord hath rewarded thee.

And why? Thou hast delivered my

[a] The grave.

soul from death, mine eyes from tears, and my feet from falling.

I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living.

What reward [a] shall I give unto the Lord for all the benefits that He hath done unto me?

I will receive the cup of salvation,[b] and call upon the Name of the Lord.

I will pay my vows now in the presence of all his people: right dear in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.[c]

Behold, O Lord, how that I am thy servant; I am thy servant and the son of thine handmaid: Thou hast broken my bonds in sunder.

I will offer to Thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving; and will call upon the name of the Lord.

19. O Lord, Thou hast dealt graciously

a What return shall I make.

b The *Sacrament of the Lord's Supper*, in which we drink of the cup of Salvation, is the fitting thanksgiving of *Christians*.

c The life of God's servants is so precious in his eyes, that He will not suffer them to be cut off before their time.

with thy servant, according unto thy word.

Before I was troubled, I went wrong, but now have I kept thy word.

Thou art good and gracious, O teach me thy statutes.

It is good for me that I have been in trouble, that I may learn thy statutes.

Praise the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me praise His Holy Name.

Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits.

Who forgiveth all thy sin, and healeth all thine infirmities. Ps. 103.

Who saveth thy life from destruction, and crowneth thee with mercy and loving-kindness.

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, long-suffering, and of great goodness.

He hath not dealt with us after our sins nor rewarded us according to our wickednesses.

For look how high the heaven is in comparison of the earth; so great is

his mercy also toward them that fear Him.

Look how wide also the east is from the west; so far hath He set our sins from us.

Yea, like as a father pitieth his own children, even so is the Lord merciful unto them that fear Him.

For He knoweth whereof we are made; he remembereth that we are but dust.

The days of man are but as grass; for he flourisheth as a flower of the field.

For as soon as the wind goeth over it, it is gone, and the place thereof shall know it no more.

But the merciful goodness of the Lord endureth for ever and ever upon them that fear Him, and his righteousness upon children's children;

Even upon such as keep his covenant,[a] and think upon his commandments to do them.

[a] The *covenant* of every *Christian* with God demands of him three main things, (1) Repentance; (2) Faith; (3) Obedience, according to his vows made in Baptism.

We praise thee, O God, we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.

All the earth doth worship thee, the Father everlasting.

To thee all Angels cry aloud, the Heavens and all the Powers therein.

To thee Cherubin and Seraphin continually do cry.

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;

Heaven and earth are full of the Majesty of thy Glory.

The glorious company of the Apostles praise thee.

The goodly fellowship of the Prophets praise thee.

The noble army of Martyrs praise thee.

The holy Church throughout all the world doth acknowledge thee,

The Father of an infinite Majesty;

Thine honourable, true, and only Son;

Also the Holy Ghost, the Comforter.

Thou art the King of Glory, O Christ.

Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.

When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man, thou didst not abhor the Virgin's womb.

When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death, thou didst open the Kingdom of Heaven to all believers.

Thou sittest at the right hand of God in the Glory of the Father.

We believe that thou shalt come to be our Judge.

We therefore pray thee, help thy servants, whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood.

Make them to be numbered with thy Saints in glory everlasting.

O Lord, save thy people, and bless thine heritage.

Govern them, and lift them up for ever.

Day by day we magnify thee,
And we worship thy Name ever world without end.

Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin.

O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.

O Lord, let thy mercy lighten upon us, as our trust is in thee.

O Lord, in thee have I trusted, let me never be confounded.

XVI.

BEFORE PRAYER.

Stand in awe, and sin not; commune with your own heart, and in your chamber, and be still. Ps. 4.

Offer the sacrifice of righteousness: and put your trust in the Lord.

PRAYER.

Lord, I call upon Thee, haste Thee unto me, and consider my voice when I cry unto Thee. Ps. 141.

Let my prayer be set forth in thy

sight as the incense; and let the lifting up of my hands be an evening sacrifice.

Set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth, and keep the door of my lips.

143. Hear my prayer, O Lord, and consider my desire; hearken unto me for thy truth and righteousness' sake.

And enter not into judgment with thy servant; for in thy sight shall no man living be justified.

I stretch forth my hands unto Thee; my soul gaspeth unto Thee as a thirsty land.

Hear me, O Lord, and that soon, for my spirit waxeth faint; hide not thy face from me, lest I be like unto them that go down into the pit.[a]

O let me hear thy loving-kindness betimes in the morning, for in Thee is my trust; shew Thou me the way that I should walk in, for I lift up my soul unto Thee.

Teach me to do the thing that pleaseth Thee, for Thou art my God;

[a] The grave.

let thy loving Spirit lead me forth into the land of righteousness.

Quicken[a] me, O Lord, for thy Name's sake: and for thy righteousness' sake bring my soul out of trouble.

LESSON.

Luke xxii. 40, 44.

And when He was at the place, He said unto them, Pray, that ye enter not into temptation. And He was withdrawn from them about a stone's cast, and kneeled down and prayed, saying, Father, if Thou be willing, remove this cup from Me: nevertheless, not my will, but thine be done. And there appeared an angel unto Him from heaven, strengthening Him. And being in an agony, He prayed more earnestly; and his sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground.

Matt. xxi. 22.

All things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.

Give me new life.

John xvi. 23, 24.

Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, He will give it you. Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.

Rom. viii. 26.

Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought; but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

PRAYER.

O God, the strength of all them that put their trust in Thee, mercifully accept my prayers; and because through the weakness of our mortal nature I can do no good thing without Thee, grant me the help of thy grace, that in keeping of thy commandments I may please Thee, both in will and

deed: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, who knowest my necessities before I ask, and my ignorance in asking; I beseech Thee to have compassion upon my infirmities; and those things, which for my unworthiness I dare not, and for my blindness I cannot ask, vouchsafe to give me, for the worthiness of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

MORNING PRAYER.

I laid me down and slept, and rose up again: for the Lord sustained me. Ps. iii. 5.

O Lord, our heavenly Father, Almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought me to the beginning of this day; Defend me in the same with thy mighty power; and grant that this day I fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all my doings may be ordered by thy

governance, to do always that is righteous in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

EVENING PRAYER.

Lighten my darkness, I beseech Thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend me from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

iv.9. I will lay me down in peace, and take my rest; for it is Thou, Lord, only, that makest me dwell in safety.

Our Father, &c.

HYMNS.

Be filled with the Spirit; speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord.—*Ephes.* v. 18, 19.

Though He were a son, yet learned He obedience by the things which He suffered; and being made perfect, He became the Author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey Him.—Heb. v. 8, 9.

God the Father, from on high
Look on me with loving eye,
Hearken to my feeble cry,
Lord, be merciful to me.

God the Son, who from thy throne
Camest down to seek thine own,
Hearken to my piteous moan,
Lord, be merciful to me.

God the Spirit, ever blest,
Comforter and Healer best,
Hearken to my prayer for rest.
Lord, be merciful to me.

Christ who from the Red Sea wave
Didst thy Chosen People save,
Lift thy servant from the grave.
Lord, be merciful to me.

Thou, with whom the Children Three
In the flames walked safe and free,
Help me too in agony.
Lord, be merciful to me.

Thou who in thy tender care
Didst Thyself our sorrows bear,
Jesu, now in pity spare.
Lord, be merciful to me.

By thine hour of pain and dread,
By the life-blood Thou hath shed,
By thy burial with the dead,
Lord, be merciful to me.

By thine own victorious might,
By thy Resurrection bright,
By thy rising to the Height,
Lord, be merciful to me.

Thou, who wilt again appear,
On the last great day of fear,
Save me then, Redeemer dear.
Lord, be merciful to me.

By this Chastisement of Pain
Wean me from affections vain,
Cleanse my heart from guilty stain.
Lord, be merciful to me.

Grant me spotless purity,
Patience in adversity,
And a peaceful end in Thee.
Lord, be merciful to me.

Then, O Shepherd, good and wise,
Let me see Thee with mine eyes
In Thy fold of Paradise.
Lord, be merciful to me.

The Eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the Everlasting Arms.—Deut. xxxiii. 27.

Jesu, Lover of my soul,
Let me to thy bosom fly,
While the nearer waters roll,
While the tempest still is high:
Hide me, O my Saviour! hide,
Till the storm of life be past;
Safe into the haven guide;
O receive my soul at last!

Other refuge have I none;
Hangs my helpless soul on Thee;
Leave, ah! leave me not alone,
Still support and comfort me:
All my trust on Thee is stayed,
All my help from Thee I bring;
Cover my defenceless head
With the shadow of thy wing.

Thou, O Christ, art all I want;
More than all in Thee I find:
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint,
Heal the sick, and lead the blind.

Thou of life the fountain art,
Freely let me take of Thee;
Spring Thou up within my heart,
Rise to all eternity.

For in that He Himself hath suffered being tempted, He is able to succour them that are tempted.—Heb. ii. 18.

Saviour! when in dust to Thee
Low we bow the adoring knee,
When, repentant, to the skies
Scarce we lift our weeping eyes,
O by all the pains and woe
Suffered once for man below,
Bending from thy Throne on high,
Hear our solemn Litany!

By thy helpless infant years,
By thy life of want and tears,
By thy days of sore distress
In the savage wilderness,
By the dread mysterious hour
Of th' insulting Tempter's power,
Turn, O turn a favouring eye;
Hear our solemn Litany!

By the sacred griefs that wept
O'er the grave where Lazarus slept;
By the boding tears that flowed
Over Salem's loved abode;
By the anguish'd sigh that told
Treachery lurked within thy fold;
From thy seat above the sky,
Hear our solemn Litany!

By thine hour of dire despair;
By thine agony of prayer;
By the cross, the nail, the thorn,
Piercing spear, and torturing scorn;
By the gloom that veiled the skies
O'er the dreadful Sacrifice,
Listen to our humble cry,
Hear our solemn Litany.

By thy deep expiring groan,
By the sad sepulchral stone,
By the vault whose dark abode
Held in vain the rising God!
O, from earth to heaven restored,
Mighty, re-ascended Lord,
Listen, listen to the cry
Of our solemn Litany!

A Man shall be as an hiding-place from the wind, and a covert from the tempest; as rivers of water in a dry place, as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land.—Isaiah xxxii. 2, and cf. xxvi. 4 (marg. reading).

Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood,
From thy riven side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure,
Cleanse me from its guilt and power!

Not the labours of my hands
Can fulfil thy laws's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know,
Could my tears for ever flow,
All for sin could not atone—
Thou must save, and Thou alone!

Nothing in my hand I bring,
Simply to thy Cross I cling;
Naked, come to Thee for dress;
Helpless, look to Thee for grace;
Foul, I to the fountain fly—
Wash me, Saviour, or I die!

While I draw this fleeting breath,
When my eyelids close in death,
When I soar through tracts unknown,
See Thee on Thy judgment throne—
Rock of Ages! cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee!

As for me, when I am poor and in heaviness, thy help, O God, shall lift me up.—Ps. lxix. 30.

When gathering clouds around I view,
And days are dark, and friends are few,
On Him I lean, who, not in vain
Experienced every human pain:
He sees my wants, allays my fears,
And counts and treasures up my tears.

If aught should tempt my soul to stray
From heavenly wisdom's narrow way,
To fly the good I would pursue,
Or do the sin I would not do,
Still He, who felt temptation's power,
Shall guard me in that dangerous hour.

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And oh! when I have safely past
Through every conflict but the last,

Still, still unchanging, watch beside
My painful bed, for Thou hast died;
Then point to realms of cloudless day,
And wipe the latest tear away.

He kneeled down, and prayed, saying, Father, if Thou be willing, remove this cup from Me: nevertheless not my will, but thine be done.—Luke xxii. 42.

My God and Father, while I stray
Far from my home, on life's rough way,
O teach me from my heart to say,
"Thy will be done!"

Though dark my path and sad my lot,
Let me be still and murmur not,
Or breathe the prayer divinely taught,
"Thy will be done."

What though in lonely grief I sigh
For friends beloved, no longer nigh,
Submissive still would I reply,
"Thy will be done!"

Though Thou hast called me to resign
What most I prized, it ne'er was mine;
I only yield Thee what was thine;
"Thy will be done!"

Should grief or sickness waste away
My life in premature decay,
My Father, still I strive to say,
"Thy will be done!"

Let but my fainting heart be blest
With thy sweet Spirit for its guest,
My God, to Thee I leave the rest—
"Thy will be done!"

Renew my will from day to day;
Blend it with thine; and take away
All that now makes it hard to say,
"Thy will be done!"

Then, when on earth I breathe no more
The prayer, oft mixed with tears before,
I'll sing, upon a happier shore,
"Thy will be done!"

After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands.—Rev. vii. 9.

The Son of God goes forth to war,
A kingly crown to gain;
His blood-red banner streams afar:—
Who follows in his train?

Who best can drink his cup of woe,
Triumphant over pain;
Who patient bears his cross below,
He follows in his train.

The Martyr first, whose eagle eye
Could pierce beyond the grave;
Who saw his Master in the sky,
And called on Him to save:

Like Him, with pardon on his tongue,
In midst of mortal pain,
He prayed for them that did the wrong:—
Who follows in his train?

A glorious band, the chosen few,
On whom the Spirit came;
Twelve valiant saints, their hope they knew,
And mocked the cross and flame.

They met the tyrant's brandished steel,
The lion's gory mane;
They bowed their necks the death to feel:—
Who follows in their train?

A noble army, men and boys,
The matron and the maid,
Around the Saviour's throne rejoice,
In robes of light arrayed.

They climbed the steep ascent of heaven
Through peril, toil, and pain, :—
O God! to us may grace be given
To follow in their train.

Draw nigh to God, and He will draw nigh to you.—James iv. 8

Nearer, my God, to Thee,
Nearer to Thee!
E'en though it be a cross
That raiseth me,
Still all my song shall be—
"Nearer, my God, to Thee,
Nearer to Thee."

Though like the wanderer
(The sun gone down)
Darkness comes over me—
My rest a stone;
Yet in my dreams I'd be
Nearer, my God, to Thee,
Nearer to Thee.

There let the way appear
Steps unto heaven,
All that Thou sendest me
In mercy given;
Angels to beckon me
Nearer, my God, to Thee,
Nearer to Thee.

Then with my waking thoughts
Bright with thy praise,
Out of my stony griefs
Bethel I'll raise;
So by my woes to be
Nearer, my God, to Thee,
Nearer to Thee.

Or if on joyful wing
Cleaving the sky,
Sun, moon, and stars forgot,
Upwards I fly,
Still all my song shall be—
"Nearer, my God, to Thee,
Nearer to Thee."

Abide with us: for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent. And He went in to tarry with them.—Luke xxiv. 29.

Abide with me! fast falls the eventide;
The darkness deepness; Lord, with me abide.
When other helpers fail, and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me!

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;
Change and decay in all around I see;—
O Thou, who changest not, abide with me!

Thou on my head in early youth didst smile,
And though rebellious and perverse meanwhile,
Thou hast not left me, oft as I left Thee;
On to the close, O Lord, abide with me!

I need thy presence every passing hour;
What but thy grace can foil the Tempter's power?
Who like Thyself my guide and stay can be?—
Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me!

Hold then thy Cross before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee!—
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me!

O send out thy light, and thy truth, that they may lead me: and bring me unto thy holy hill, and to thy dwelling.—Ps. xliii. 3.

LEAD, kindly Light, amid th' encircling gloom
Lead Thou me on:
The night is dark, and I am far from home;
Lead thou me on:
Keep thou my feet: I do not ask to see
The distant scene; one step enough for me.

I was not ever thus, nor prayed that thou
Shouldst lead me on;
I loved to choose and see my path; but now
Lead Thou me on!
I loved the garish day, and spite of fears
Pride ruled my will: remember not past years.

So long thy power has blest me, sure it still
Will lead me on,
O'er moor and fen, o'er crag and torrent, till
The night is gone,
And with the morn those angel faces smile
Which I have loved long since, and lost awhile!

The things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.—2 Cor. iv. 18.

THE roseate hues of early dawn,
The brightness of the day,
The crimson of the sunset sky,
How fast they fade away!

Oh, for the pearly gates of Heaven!
Oh, for the golden floor!
Oh, for the Sun of Righteousness,
That setteth nevermore!

The highest hopes we cherish here,
How fast they tire and faint!
How many a spot defiles the robe
That wraps an earthly saint!
Oh, for a heart that never sins!
Oh, for a soul washed white!
Oh, for a voice to praise our King,
Nor weary day or night.

Here faith is ours, and heavenly hope,
And grace to lead us higher;
But there are perfectness and peace,
Beyond our best desire.
Oh, by thy love and anguish, Lord!
Oh, by thy life laid down!
Oh, that we fall not from thy grace,
Nor cast away our crown!

I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of Heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. . . . The twelve gates were twelve pearls . . . and the street of the city was pure gold.—Rev. xxi. 2, 21.

Jerusalem, my happy home,
Name ever dear to me,
When shall my labours have an end
In joy, and peace, and thee?

When shall these eyes thy heaven-built walls
And gates of pearl behold;
Thy bulwarks with salvation strong,
And streets of shining gold?

There happier bowers than Eden's bloom,
Nor sin nor sorrow know:
Blest seats! through rude and stormy scenes
I onward press to you.

Why should I shrink from pain and woe,
Or feel at death dismay?
I've Canaan's goodly land in view,
And realms of endless day.

Apostles, Martyrs, Prophets, there
Around my Saviour stand;
And soon my friends in Christ below
Will join the glorious band.

Jerusalem, my happy home,
My soul still pants for thee;
Then shall my labours have an end
When I thy joys shall see.

THE END.

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